(c) the main steps he has now considered to take to wipe out the corruption in the country and to what extent these measures have helped in reducing and checking the corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Prime Minister in his address at the XVII Biennial Conference of CBI and State Anti-Corruption Bureaux on August 26, 2009 stressed on the need to combat corruption which distorts the rule of law and weakens institutions of governance and at the same time hurts economic growth etc. He also mentioned that pervasive corruption discourages investors who expect fair treatment and transparent dealing when dealing with public authorities. The Hon'ble Prime Minister in his address has emphasized that the battle against corruption has to be fought at many levels. The design of development programmes should provide for more transparency and accountability. Systems and procedures should be made more transparent, simpler, decentralized and less discretionary. The 2nd Administrative Reforms Commission gave wide range of recommendations in this regard in its report on "Ethics in Governance" which was examined in great detail. Government remains committed to transparent and accountable governance with zero tolerance to corruption.

Need of experts in Administration

†818. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country's current administration required involvement of several experts;

(b) if so, whether Government has entrusted the responsibility to certain people in the administration over last few months;

(c) if so, the names of these experts; and

(d) Government's future plan in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (d) Government engages experts from different fields as and when required. Such engagement brings specialized knowledge which may not always be available with career civil servants. No centralized data base of these experts is maintained.

Complaints against DG of Hydrocarbons

819. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the CVC had asked for an enquiry into the complaints received by it against the Director General of Hydrocarbons;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.